(c) whether Government propose to reopen the counters; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) Bank counters|branches having special timings| closed days etc. are opened by the banks taking into account the clientele that they aim to serve and the business they expect to develop while the security aspect is also kept in view while deciding on the location and timing of the branches temporary disturbances or law and order situations do not ordinarily influence such decisions. However, specific cases in Gurgaon District of closure of evening counters|branches if indicated could be examined if there is a general need for their functioning with special timing as reflected in the business handeled by them.

**Export of Cotton Yarn**

751. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the quantity of cotton yarn exported during the last two years and the value thereof;

(b) what will be the expected increase in cotton exports in the current year; and

(c) whether Government have any proposal to permit the export of cotton yarn without putting any quantity limit?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) According to the Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council, the exports of cotton yarn during the last two years have been as under:—

| Year | Quantity (in thousands tonnes) | Value in million Rs. |
|---|---|---|
| 1986 . . | 16.47 | 616.15 |
| 1987 . . | 85.96 | 3267.78 |

(b) At present, the exports of staple cotton is not being allowed.

(c) No, Sir.

**Abolition of income tax for lower income groups**

752. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any study to find out the effect of abolition of income-tax in respect of lower income groups;

(b) whether cost-benefit analysis would be made to find out the relationship between the cost of collection and the revenue earned in the case of small tax-payers; and

(c) whether Government would consider rationalisation of tax structure in the light of such study and analysis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No such proposal is under consideration at present.

(c) Does not arise in view of answer to (b) above.

**Improvement in the working of NTC Gujarat**

753. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad had made a study of NTC Gujarat Limited;

(b) whether the working of NTC Gujarat Limited improved considerably as a result of the implementation of the recommendations of the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (IIMA); and